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Nuschke lamely explained that this speech had been made on the occasion of the SED Party Convention, and could not be considered to be a statement of nolicy by Brotewohl, the Prime Minister. When queried about the prevalence of arbitrary arrests of persons living in the DDR, Muschke replied that the Ministry of State Security was only a German facade for a nurely Russian executive organ, and that the CDU has no influence on this ministry. He added that such autitrary arrests are consonant with normal Russian practice, and are justified by the threat to the DDR posed by the Angle-Ang

The Czechoslovak government officially informed the DDR on 19 July 1950 that Jan Scheinemann, when potentiary Minister for Foreign Trade, was removed from office on 11 May. We explanation was given. It is said that this removed has been kent quiet in Čzechoslovakia.

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The Rumanian Dislomatic Mission to the JDR has informed the JDR that as of July 1950 192,000 members of the Rumanian Workers Party (Communist) had been expelled since the party was founded The note added that this figure renresents 20% of the total membershin.

At the end of July 1950, the DDR acknowledged a Russian note according to which the U.S.S.R. required that all railway trophy cars (marked with the letters T/USSR) be turned over to Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, and Rumania, via the U.S.S.R.

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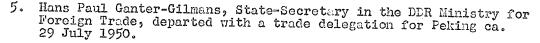
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- 6. Mr. W. G. Burchett of Australia has been refused a visa by the DDR to enter East Germany recently. Burchett made the application in Budapest. Two of his books have been published in German by the communist-licensed publishing house Volk und Wissen. The books are <u>Sunrise in Asia</u> and <u>Cold War in Germany</u>. It is understood that the DDR felt that Burchett was not politically reliable and hence refused the visa.
- 7. Georg Dertinger, the DLR Foreign Minister, spent the first week of his vacation in the sanatorium of the Soviet Council of Ministers, near Moscow. He then went to a resort on the Black Sea. The is to return to Moscow on 12 August 1950 for talks, and to return to Germany as scheduled on 15 August. On 17 August the CLU shop group is composed of only thirteen persons, a small group compared with the 120-member SMD shop group. The LDF has only one men in the Ministry, and all the remaining 75 employees are non-party (mostly consisting of the cleaning and labor staff).
- 8. Minister Luitpold Steidle has been spending his vacation in Bavaria. He will return to his post early in August.
- 9. Anton Ackermann, State-Secretary in the Elinistry for Foreign Affairs, finally obtained his divorce from the well-known communist functionary Elli Schmidt.
- 10. The FDGB has collected contributions from all employees of the Foreign Ministry, amounting to an average of 4 marks, but varying with the individual's salary. This money was collected for aid to the North Koreans.

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